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TO COL. ROSS

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FROM: [ISENSTEAD, DAD]

27, 10

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM [CAS, LONDON:] "INFO RE MRS. SLOBODA DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW TO DATE IS ONLY FROM HIGHLY SENSITIVE SOURCE WHICH MUST NOT BE ENDANGERED. [27,10 CAS LONDON] WILL CABLE OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE WHEN OTHER INFO OBTAINED FROM LESS SENSITIVE SOURCE WHICH CAN BE USED TO ATTEMPT NEGATE ANY SOVIET PROP PLAY. ESSENTIAL NO ACTION BE TAKEN BY LONDON EMBASSY TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF TWO SLOBODA CHILDREN WHO AMERICAN CITIZENS UNTIL SUCH INFO AVAILABLE."

2. APPEARS TO ME EMBASSY COULD INTERCEDE ON BEHALF CHILDREN WHO AMERICAN CITIZENS PROVIDED SUCH ACTION NOT BASED ON STATEMENT THAT MRS. SLOBODA INTENTION JOIN HUSBAND IN MOSCOW KNOWN BUT THAT IT APPEARS PROBABLE FROM HER PREVIOUS NONCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT MUST SAFEGUARD RIGHTS AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO MINORS.

3. IN ORDER KEEP [27,10 CAS, LONDON] ADVISED RE USAREUR AND DA INTENTIONS WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW PRESENT STATUS.

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